

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

**Claims 1-9 (canceled)**

- 10. (Currently Amended)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition, which comprises:
- $\geq 50\%$  by weight of one or more effect pigments,
  - ~~0.5—59.5%~~ 0.5 - 49.5% by weight of a styrene-modified polyacrylate having an acid number  $> 90$  mg KOH/g,
  - ~~0.5—50%~~ 0.5 - 49.5% by weight of water and/or an organic solvent or solvent mixture,
  - 0 - 10% by weight of a neutralizing agent, and
  - 0 - 10% by weight of a modifying agent.
- 11. (Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 10, wherein the effect pigment is a pearl luster pigment and/or an  $\text{SiO}_2$  flake coated with one or more metal oxides.
- 12. (Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 11, wherein the effect pigment is a pearl luster pigment of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and/or  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  coated on mica.

13. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 11, wherein the effect pigment is a pigment of SiO<sub>2</sub> flake coated with TiO<sub>2</sub> and/or Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.
14. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 10, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.
15. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 11, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.
16. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 12, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.
17. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 13, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.
18. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 10, which further comprises at least one: defoamer, surface-active

substance, wetting agent, anti-settling agent, levelling agent, siccative or thixotropic agent.

19. **(Currently amended)** A dry material produced ~~from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 10~~ by tableting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized-bed granulating, granulating, spray-granulating or extruding ~~the~~ a pigment composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent, wherein the pigment composition is a non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition, comprising:

- $\geq 40\%$  by weight of one or more effect pigments,
- 0.5 - 59.5% by weight of a styrene-modified polyacrylate having an acid number  $> 90$  mg KOH/g,
- 0.5 - 50% by weight of water and/or an organic solvent or solvent mixture,
- 0 - 10% by weight of a neutralizing agent, and
- 0 - 10% by weight of a modifying agent.

20. **(Currently amended)** A dry material produced ~~from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 11 by tableting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized bed granulating, granulating, spray granulating or extruding the pigment composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent~~ according to claim 19, wherein the effect pigment is a pearl luster pigment and/or an SiO<sub>2</sub> flake coated with one or more metal oxides.

21. **(Currently amended)** A dry material ~~produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 12 by tableting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized bed granulating, granulating, spray granulating or extruding the pigment composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent~~ according to claim 19, wherein the effect pigment is a pearl luster pigment of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and/or  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  coated on mica.
22. **(Currently amended)** A dry material ~~produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 13 by tableting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized bed granulating, granulating, spray granulating or extruding the pigment composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent~~ according to claim 19, wherein the effect pigment is a pigment of  $\text{SiO}_2$  flake coated with  $\text{TiO}_2$  and/or  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ .
23. **(Currently amended)** A dry material ~~produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 14 by tableting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized bed granulating, granulating, spray granulating or extruding the pigment composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent~~ according to claim 19, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an  $\alpha$ -methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.
24. **(Previously presented)** A paint, varnish, printing ink, plastic, automotive finish or powder coating composition, comprising a dry material according to claim 19.

25. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 10, wherein at least one effect pigment is a pigment based on a platelet-shaped and transparent or semi-transparent substrate or a metal effect pigment.
26. **(Canceled)**
27. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 10, wherein at least one effect pigment is a pigment based on mica or SiO<sub>2</sub> flakes.
28. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 10, wherein the composition comprises 5 to 40% by weight of the styrene-modified polyacrylate having an acid number > 90 mg KOH/g.
29. **(Previously presented)** A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 10, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate has an acid number > 100 mg KOH/g.
30. **(Canceled)**